



Dear Friend:

According to a series by *The Oregonian*, 65% of the illicit drug methamphetamine comes from the Mexican drug cartels. If this deadly drug is to be stopped, it's not enough to pass measures here in Oregon if they are not also enforced in other states. We need national standards -- and we need to go after meth internationally. I'm happy to report that this week the US Senate approved the Hooley provisions to stop meth at its international source.

I wrote a number of anti-meth provisions to provide law enforcement with new tools to track foreign manufactured meth, make meth precursor materials more difficult to obtain, and strengthen penalties for persons who cook or deal meth in the presence of children.

The Hooley provisions would:

- Toughen federal penalties against meth traffickers and smugglers;
- Toughen penalties against persons who cook or deal meth in the presence of children;
- Authorize funding for cooperative efforts with Mexico to stop meth production there;
- Authorize new grants to help states assist drug-endangered children, as well as addicted women with children;
- Require reporting of major meth precursor exporters and importers, and hold them accountable for their efforts to prevent diversion to meth production; and
- Repeal the federal "blister pack exemption" that currently allows unlimited sales of pseudoephedrine pills.

The legislation, approved by the Senate overwhelmingly on Thursday, is expected to be finalized by the House next week and will then be sent to the President's desk to be signed into law.

Stopping the distribution of meth and the destruction it causes in our communities will take more efforts at the local, state, federal, and international level. I'll continue to work with elected officials, law enforcement, and community leaders to battle this growing epidemic and to make our neighborhoods safer.

Sincerely,

Darlene Hooley  
Member of Congress